Closed textiles mills in Gujarat

2410. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of closed textile mills in Gujarat, both the NTC and in the private sector;

(b) whether Government are aware that the dues of mill workers of private mills are in arrears in Gujarat;

(c) if so, what action is proposed to protect the interests of mill workers; and

(d) the steps taken for rehabilitation of these workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (d) There are 44 private and 9 National Textile Corporation (NTC) mills in the State of Gujarat. In order to provide interim relief to textile workers rendered unemployed as a consequence of permanent closure of any particular portion or entire textile units, Government have introduced the Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme. Since the inception of this Scheme, 32 units in Gujarat have been given benefits of the scheme.

As far as NTC is concerned, 7960 employees in NTC (Gujarat) mills have opted for Modified Voluntary Retirement Scheme (MVRS), and have been paid compensation amounting to Rs. 276.79 crores. The dues of workers of private mills come under the purview of concerned State Governments.

Allocation for textiles development in Tamil Nadu

2411. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for further development of textiles in Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years which is the most advanced State in textiles and its percentage of all India allocation;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to launch any State specific Scheme in Tamil Nadu to further boost production of textiles so as to

compete with countries like China;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the features of the Scheme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (d) The Government implements various schemes for the holistic growth and development of textiles in the country. The benefit of these schemes are available to all States, including the State of Tamil Nadu.

A majority of the activities in the textiles sector are decentralized. The Government does not earmark funds on these schemes State-wise. Funds are released to implementing agencies under various schemes, which are also not State specific. This is on the basis of the viability of the proposals received. Presently, there is no proposal with the Government to launch a specific scheme for the State of Tamil Nadu.

Some of the major schemes being implemented in the textiles sector are:

Handlooms:

1. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana.
2. Integrated Handloom Training Project.
3. Handloom Export Scheme.
4. Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Programme.
5. Mahatama Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana.
6. Health Insurance Scheme.

Handicrafts:

(1) Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana.

(2) Design and Technical Upgradation Scheme.

(3) Marketing and Support Services Scheme.

(4) Export Promotion Scheme.

(5) Training and Extension Scheme.

Powerloom:

(1) 20% Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme for Powerloom Sector under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme.

(2) Modernisation and Strengthening of Powerloom Service Centres.

(3) Support to Computer Aided Design Centres.

(4) Group Workshed Scheme.

(5) Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Weavers.

Silk

Catalytic Development Programme

Wool

Integrated wool Improvement Programme.

Export:

Special Integrated Textiles Parks Scheme

Assistance to craftsmen and weavers in Andhra Pradesh

2412. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance and other types of support extended to the craftsmen and weavers of Andhra Pradesh for self employment, during the last three years;

(b) the number of craftsmen and weavers benefited therefrom; and

(c) the details of the new schemes/projects, if any, for the benefit of craftsmen and weavers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The developmental schemes like Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana for Cluster Development, Design and Technology Upgradation Scheme, Marketing Support Scheme, Export Promotion Scheme and Special Handicraft Training Projects Scheme, etc. being implemented in the Handicrafts Sector and Deendayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana, Integrated Handloom Training Project, Marketing Promotion Programme, Mill Gate Price Scheme, Handloom Export